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Extracts from the Past by G.H.

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The CENTRE BOARD MEETING for June will be held at Cadnam, on Monday June 8th at 8 p.m., as the first Monday in June is Whit Monday, and the Centre generally will be more interested on that day at the Blackmore Vale race meeting at Cannfield.

The Centre Team trial took place on May 24th in the Salisbury district, and the results are to be found elsewhere in this issue, by the special efforts made by the Editor of the Gazette and the Clerk of the Event. There were strong efforts made by Clubs to enter complete teams, the trouble being to find side-cars suitable for Trials work, and the Clubs with complete team entries are to be complimented.

The appreciation of this Centre is here conveyed to the Salisbury Club for the valuable assistance rendered in finding the course, marking and fixing observed sections and assisting marshals to find their correct sections. All organisers of trials are aware of the amount of work necessary to ensure a successful trial. SALISBURY CLUB, we thank you for your efforts.

The next meeting in which the whole CENTRE should be interested is the CENTRE SPEED MEETING, to be held somewhere, on August 30th. The awards to be given this year are optional, Cash or Cups of same value. Will prospective entrants please note.

The regulations for this Event will be published in the August Gazette, as by that time it is anticipated a suitable track will be available. Hon. Centre Secretary would be pleased to receive offers of the loan of a track from any Club, and all offers will receive full consideration from the Centre Board.

The Board meeting held in May was well attended and it is with regret that we notice the continued absence of representatives from Poole Hornets M.C.C., surely it is possible to send someone along once a month to sustain interest in the Centre. A welcome was given to the representatives of the Itchen M.C.C. and we hope next month to enrol another club to this Centre.

Some of the delegates hope this state will continue as it enables them to arise early the next morning with effort.

A future event to which reference must be made, is the effort of The Southsea Motor Club with the road races at Portsmouth. The course is adjacent to the Portsmouth Airport and is on a concrete surface. Several prominent Brooklands Drivers will be entrants at this meeting, which is for cars only, and

ESSO (FAWLEY) M.C. & C.C.

ERNIE GOODRIDGE TRIAL

Start: 11.00 a.m. SUNDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1973 Permit No. U1159

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—G. Hodges; Club Stewards—C. White, A. N. Other; Clerk of the Course—S. Manning; Secretary of the Meeting— Mrs. E. Webb, "Quastina", West Road, Dibden Purlieu, Hants.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS :

1. JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations for all Trials of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. ELIGIBILITY: Open to all members of the Southern Centre clubs riding solo machines.
3. ENTRIES: Will be opened on December 7th and close December 7th, and are to be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting accompanied by a fee of 60p. Numbers will be issued at the start. Cheques to be made payable to Esso (Fawley) M.C. & C.C., and accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
4. START: Will be at Hardley, Nr. Hythe, Hants.
5. COURSE: 2 or 3 laps of a short course on private property.
6. AWARDS: Premier Ernie Goodridge Cup (To be held for one year). Replica given. Best Club member. Awards as per S.R. 936.
7. GENERAL: Practising as per S.R. 918. Refreshments will be available at the start.

ESSO (FAWLEY) M.C. & C.C.

Sunday, 9th December, 1973

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.-C.U. and the A.-C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

Entry fees

Date

Signed

(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)

Parent or Guardian

Name and Address (block letters)

Club Machine c.c.

My status is EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE

Are you over 17? YES/NO

has been sanctioned by the R.A.C. and the Portsmouth City Council. It takes place on Saturday 15th August P.M. and the proceeds are to be given to charity.

The Grass Track Racing Rules are to be found in this issue, and it would be of benefit to the Centre Stewards if all competitors would read these.

**SOUTHERN CENTRE TEAM TRIAL, MAY 24th, 1936
PROVISIONAL RESULTS**

A total of 41 Riders entered. 4 were non-starters. 5 retired.

Teams:

- 1st, Salisbury. Loss. 89.
- 2nd, Ringwood (B). Loss. 105.
- 3rd, Blackmore Vale. Loss. 107.
- 4th, Ringwood (A). Loss .127.
- 1st Solo, R. Biddiscombe. Blackmore Vale.
- 1st Sidecar, W. Waycott. Salisbury.
- Novice Cup, A. Harrocks. Ringwood.
- Ladies Award, Miss Love. Weymouth.

Letter to the Editor ("QUO VADIS")

After several disturbing incidents at recent grass track meetings in this Centre, the writer feels constrained to ask the question which heads this letter.

At one meeting the enjoyment of the spectators and competitors was seriously diminished by the inconsistency of the Stewards decisions.

Item 1. An individual wished to enter an event in place of a competitor who had withdrawn his entry, he was not allowed to do so.

Item 2: Later in the same meeting another individual desired to enter a certain event, he was allowed to do so.

Item 3: A competitor by instruction of the Clerk of the Course came to the line in a heat other than that in which his name appeared on the programme, was allowed to race, won, and disqualified by the steward on the grounds that he had competed in the wrong heat.

At another meeting the steward was subjected to abuse and threats of personal violence by a competitor (Expert) who had been reprimanded by the steward for practising without wearing a "Crash Hat". The steward excluded the competitor from the meeting for his conduct. Later the spectators were the witnesses of a disgraceful parade of all, or nearly all the riders from the pits to the starting line, where, without inquiring from the steward as to the reason, presented an ultimatum, that unless the exclusion of the competitor was withdrawn, they would refuse to ride. Eventually, the fair-mindedness and good sense of one of the riders settled the issue for the time being, when his suggestion that the competitor concerned should apologise was somewhat grudgingly complied with.

One of the competitors in another race, saw fit to abuse and insult one of the most distinguished gentlemen of this Centre, one who has given ungrudgingly of his time and interest to the Centre, the Organising Club, and the sport generally for a considerable number of years.

The writer does not propose to comment on the foregoing facts, but feels the time opportune to give a certain measure of publicity to disturbing elements which are striding into the sport; in an attempt to rouse some of the officers of the Centre and Clubs to the danger of this drift.

It is interesting to see the adverts in this 1936 Gazette.

Matchless Motor Cycles were showing a New Matchless "Clubman" 350 c.c. built for Trials. The specification included front fork with check springs, narrow section mudguards, prop. stand, crankcase shield, Dunlop Sports Tyres, special competition gearbox, tuned engine with polished ports and Hair-Pin valve springs, complete with electric lighting and horn. Price: £57-10.

X.H.G. TIGER M.C.C.

THE SAMMY MILLER TRIAL (For Non-Experts and Veterans)

Start 11.00 a.m. SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1974 Permit No. U1070

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—Mrs. V. Lambert; Club Stewards—M. Gover and E. Wort; Clerk of the Course—K. Williams; Secretary of the Meeting—E. Ridout, 19 Woodlands Avenue, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset BH15 4EE. Tel. Poole 71842.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS :

1. JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R.'s, the Standing Regulations for all Trials of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. ELIGIBILITY: Open to registered members of Southern Centre Clubs riding Solo machines and who are either Novices, Intermediates or Veterans as per Southern Centre Trials League Regulations.
3. START: Bovington Heath, Dorset. Will be signposted from Gallows Hill, Nr. Bere Regis. First man away at 11.00 a.m., remainder at half-minute intervals.
4. COURSE: Will be entirely on private land and contain a number of suitable sections. Number of sections and laps to be decided on the day.
5. ENTRIES: To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting together with the entry fee of 65p and small S.A.E. Entries will open 7th December and close 23rd December, 1973.
6. NUMBERS: Will be issued at the start for a deposit of 10p, to be refunded when returned.
7. AWARDS: Best Overall Performance—The Sammy Miller Trophy.
1st Class Awards—Next best 10% Overall starters.
2nd Class Awards—Next best 10% Novice starters.
All Awards to be won outright.
8. TIES: To be decided by (a) Greatest number of cleans. (b) Furthest round clean.
9. MACHINES: Must be properly silenced and fitted with tyres approved by the A.C.U. for Trials.
10. GENERAL: Over twelve and under seventeen year olds may enter so long as their machine is not above 250 c.c. Practising as per S.R. 918. Refreshments will be available at the start but no petrol.

X.H.G. TIGER M.C.C.

Sunday, 6th January, 1974

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.-C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

Entry fees

Date

Signed

(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)

Parent or Guardian

Name and Address (block letters)

Club Machine c.c.

Are you INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE/VETERAN

Are you over 17? YES/NO

BOARD COMMENTARY

The Eleventh meeting of the Board was held at the Abbey Hotel at Romsey on 1st November 1973 in what was termed "The Upstairs Room", as an experiment. It was stated that the room would hold 80 persons, but 13 Officers and 51 delegates representing 23 Clubs more than filled the floor area, which made for a most uncomfortable meeting.

Our President, Mr. J. Caslake, opened proceedings and announced the death of Mr. H. Cornwell, the Board stood in silence as a token of respect. Apologies were then received, and the previous meeting's minutes were signed as a true record after corrections were made.

The Chairman, Mr. Roy Brett, then took over the meeting, commencing with matters arising, the most important being that Chin-Cups on helmets on their own were not sufficient, there must be a strap under the chin as well.

Correspondence, the A.C.U. have given P.M.C.R.C. approval to run the 1974 250 c.c. British Grand Prix—Congratulations, Mr. N. Goss also took this opportunity to congratulate Newbury & Waterloo Clubs in receiving approval to promote rounds of the World Championship 750 s/car (Newbury) and World Championship 125 Solo (Waterloo).

The Inter-Centre Scramble Championships: Mr. Phippen was absent, so there was no official report, however Mr. M. Frost said that our team rode extremely well, but had bad luck, as far as his personal opinion was concerned their performance far exceeded his expectations.

The Southern Centre Team Trial was reported by Wimborne Club, it had been a successful meeting, X.H.G. being the winners. Thanks was extended to all who had helped on the day.

The Competitions Committee Minutes were read and received with all approving. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Allan concerning damage to his car whilst attending Farnham Scramble as a Steward. Mr. N. Goss proposed that Farnham should treat the letter as a claim under Promoters Liability and take it up with their Insurers, this was agreed, with 2 against.

After corrections the Centre Calendar was approved ready for going to Press.

1974 Centre Events: Mortimer to promote Scramble Championships, Centre Team Trial 1975 to be promoted by Wimborne. The Grass Track Championships and the St. Paul's Trophy had received no offers to date. Wimborne Club would run the G.T. Novice Championships, it was approved that this date would also be inserted in the Calendar.

The Notice of Motion regarding the A.C.U. proposal that there should be a Central Licencing System was discussed after the Secretary had read letters from many Clubs in the Centre stating that they were not in favour of the proposal. It was agreed unanimously that the Southern Centre cannot support the proposed Licencing System. Waterloo Club suggested that extra funds to the A.C.U. should come from increased International and National Licence Fees and Affiliation Fees. Mr. Lane proposed that delegates take note of this suggestion. All approved.

Mr. H. Bone, Benevolent Fund Officer, stated he had received donations from Alton and Gosport. He also stated there would be a G.T. Forum on December 9th at Southampton Club Room.

Treasurers Report: Mr. Ken Gale had several accounts for payment, including the G.T. Championship Expenses, which were unusually high. Mr. C. Holdstock proposed that the accounts be paid, Mrs. Venes seconded, it was considered that the finance committee discuss a suggestion that a budget of

FROME VALLEY M.C. & L.C.C.

PRESIDENT'S CUP TRIAL

Start: 11.00 a.m. SUNDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1973 Permit No. U1164

OFFICIALS: Centre Steward—A. Lambert; Club Stewards—Mrs. D. Snowden and W. Pitman. Clerk of the Course—H. Sibley; Secretary of the Meeting—Mrs. M. Sibley, 63 Brackendown Avenue, Southdown, Preston, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 6YH.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS :

1. JURISDICTION: To be held under the G.C.R. and Standing Regulations for all A.C.U. Trials, and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. ELIGIBILITY: Open to all registered members of Clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre riding solo machines.
3. ENTRIES: To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting. Entries to open on 7th December and are to be strictly limited to 80 riders. Closing date will be 12th. Enclosing the correct entry fee of 65p plus a stamped addressed envelope.
4. COURSE: A small course, the number of laps to be decided on the day, but at least two.
5. START and FINISH: At Triggin Hill, Coldharbour Heath, Wareham and will be signposted from the main Wareham/Bere Regis road.
6. AWARDS: The President's Cup for the best performance. Runner-Up Cup. First and second class awards. Intermediate and Novice Premiers. Intermediate and Novice Class Awards. The Club Cup for the best Club member of at least one months standing. A best Club Novice Award.
7. TIES: To be decided by: The rider who proceeds the furthest from the start with the least loss of marks.
8. GENERAL: Refreshments but no petrol at the start.

FROME VALLEY M.C. & L.C.C.

Sunday, 16th December, 1973

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

Entry fees
Date
Signed
(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)
Parent or Guardian

Name and Address (block letters)
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Club Machine c.c.

My status is EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 17? YES/NO

expenses should be presented to the Board for approval before Inter-Centre Events are supported. The Treasurer's Report was then accepted.

The venue for future Board meetings was then discussed. The smaller room was obviously too overcrowded. A letter from Southampton Club was read, offering the use of their Clubroom for Centre meetings at no charge. Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Mr. L. Southwell that the Board accept Southampton's offer, all approved, but it decided not to make a decision about changing the Headquarters of the Centre at the present time. Next meeting was confirmed as 6th December at the Abbey Hotel, providing we can use the usual room.

The meeting closed after a few minor points under A.O.B. at 11.35 p.m.

South Reading M.C.C.

Three Musketeers Trial

The Three Musketeers trial will be held on the 6th January 1974. The event is a Regional restricted event for members of the Southern, South Eastern and South Midland Centres of the A.C.U. riding Side Cars Only.

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WIMBORNE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

JACK RICHARDSON TROPHY TRIAL

Start 10 a.m. SUNDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, 1973 Permit No. U1165

Centre Steward—A. Belenger; Club Stewards—H. Wright, J. Richardson; Clerk of the Course—C. Maidment; Secretary of the Meeting: Mrs. G. Miller, 36 Lodge Road, Holt, Wimborne, Dorset.

(S.A.E. with entries please)

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS :

- 1. JURISDICTION: Held under the General Competitions rules and the standing regulations for Trials of the A.C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. ELIGIBILITY: Open to all members of the Southern Centre A.C.U. riding solo and sidecar machines.
3. ENTRIES: To be sent to the secretary of meeting, will open on 7th December and close 16th December, 1973, with a fee of 50p (including riders P.A. insurance) entries limited to the first 120 received.
4. COURSE: Consisting of two or three laps of up to 20 sections.
5. TIES: Will be decided by, 1. Greatest number of cleans; 2. Furthest round clean; 3. A special test.
6. AWARDS: Best Performance—The Jack Richardson Trophy (which remains the property of the promoting club) to be held for one year only.
7. GENERAL: Any rider reported as riding in a dangerous manner or making excessive noise or nuisance may be excluded from the results.

WIMBORNE M.C.C.

Sunday, 23rd December, 1973

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

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Date
Signed
(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)
Parent or Guardian

Name and Address (Block letters)

Club Machine cc.

Solo or Sidecar Pass Name

Passenger's Address

Are you EXPERT / INTERMEDIATE / NOVICE / VETERAN Are you over 17? YES/NO

STURMINSTER NEWTON & DISTRICT M.C. & L.C.C.

THE NEW YEAR CUP TRIAL

Start 10 a.m. SUNDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1974 Permit No. U1161

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward—H. Steele; Club Stewards—M. Moore, G. House; Clerk of the Course—C. Feltham; Machine Examiner—J. C. Lane; Sec. of the Meeting—D. J. Sims, 25 Breach Lane, Enmore Green, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8LE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS :

- 1. JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations for all Trials of the A.C.U., the Southern Centre Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations.
2. ELIGIBILITY: Open to all members of Clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre A.C.U., riding Solo machines only.
3. ENTRIES: Will open on 7th December and close on Monday, 14th January, 1974. To be made on the form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting with a fee of 70p together with a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. The starting order to be decided by ballot.
4. COURSE: The event will Start and Finish at Fifehead Common, Sturminster Newton, route marked from the A357 road. The Trial will consist of 2 laps. Riders will leave at 1/2-minute intervals, and will be restarted in numerical order for lap 2.
5. AWARDS: The New Year Cup. Club Cup to the best S.N.M.C.C. member registered as a S.N.M.C.C. rider in the Trials League. Cup to the best S.N.M.C.C. Novice registered as a S.N.M.C.C. rider in the Trials League. Remainder in accordance with the Southern Centre League Regulations.
6. TIES: Decided by (a) Greatest number of Cleans. (b) Furthest round Clean.

STURMINSTER NEWTON & DISTRICT M.C. & L.C.C.

Sunday, 20th January, 1974

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.C.U. and the A.C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

Entry fees
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Signed
(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)
Parent or Guardian

Name and address (block letters)

Club Machine c.c.

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To be held at Tweseldown Race Course, Nr. Aldershot, Hants

T.T.C. No. 38 on SUNDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1974, at 11 a.m. Permit No. U1123
OFFICIALS: Centre Steward—B. Coombes; Club Stewards—J. E. Keene, P. Hatt; Clerk of
 the Course & Secretary of the Meeting—W. G. Hall, 7 Hunts Common, Hartley Wintney, Hants.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:

1. **Jurisdiction:** Held under the General Competition Rules and Standing Scramble Regula-
 tions of the A.C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations.
2. **Eligibility:** Down graded Experts will not be eligible to enter for the Duckhams Junior
 Championship Events.
3. **Entries:** Opening Date for entries 7th December, 1973 to be made on the Official Form
 provided, and to reach the Hon. Secretary of the Meeting NOT LATER THAN 22nd December
 1973, together with an Entry Fee of £1-25 and STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR REPLY.
 ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED.
4. **Course:** Approximately one mile circuit over heathland.
5. **Starting:** Clutch Start, Starting Gate.
6. **Practice:** Will be controlled between 9.45 and 10.45 a.m.
7. **Silencers:** As per A.C.U. ruling.
8. **Events and Awards:**

- 1 TWESELDOWN WORKERS' CHAMPIONSHIP — 5 laps.
- 2 JUNIOR DRIVERS up to 1,000 cc. — Heats 4 laps — 6 laps.
 1st £3; 2nd £2; 3rd £1.50; 4th £1; 5th 50p; 6th 50p.
- 3 EXPERT DRIVERS up to 250 cc. (Star) — 8 laps.
 1st £5; 2nd £3.50; 3rd £2.50; 4th £1.50; 5th £1; 6th £1.
- 4 EXPERT DRIVERS 340 to 750 cc. (Star) — 8 laps.
 1st £5; 2nd £3.50; 3rd £2.50; 4th £1.50; 5th £1; 6th £1.
- 5 JUNIOR DRIVERS up to 1,000 cc — Heats 4 laps — 6 laps.
 1st £3; 2nd £2; 3rd £1.50; 4th £1; 5th 50p; 6th 50p.
- 6 EXPERT DRIVERS up to 250 cc. — 8 laps.
 1st £5; 2nd £3.50; 3rd £2.50; 4th £1; 5th £1; 6th £1.
- 7 EXPERT DRIVERS 340 to 750 cc. — 8 laps.
 1st £5; 2nd £3.50; 3rd £2.50; 4th £1.50; 5th £1; 6th £1.
- 8 CHALLENGE TROPHY — INVITED EXPERTS — 12 laps
 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10; 4th £5; 5th £3; 6th £2.

Additional Junior Awards Presented by Duckham Oil Co. Ltd.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Junior Final will receive 1 gallon of Duckham's Oil.

9. **General:** No Free Vehicle Entry to the Scramble will be permitted unless possessing Club
 Competitor's Sticker (which is issued with numbers). Please display sticker to help our
 Officials on the gate. ONLY VEHICLES CARRYING MACHINES WILL BE ALLOWED IN
 THE PADDOCK. NO REGISTRATION NUMBER — NO RIDE.

NORTH HANTS MOTOR CLUB, SCRAMBLE

13th January, 1974

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound
 by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U. In consideration of acceptance of
 this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre
 of the A.-C.U. and the A.-C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meet-
 ing), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them,
 from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal
 or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my
 mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part
 in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of
 the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

Entry fees
 Date
 Signed
 (To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian
 if driver is under 18 years of age)
 Parent or
 Guardian

I declare that the exhaust system fitted to my motor cycle(s) will conform to the requirements
 of Standing Regulation No. 16(a) and as detailed in this entry form.

Name and Address (block letters)

Club Machine cc.

Please enter me for Event Nos.

Southern Centre Registration No.

My status is: EXPERT/JUNIOR Are you over 16? YES/NO



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GOSPORT AND DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

LAWSON CUP TRIAL

Start — 10.30 a.m. SUNDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1974 Permit No. U1154

OFFICIALS: Southern Centre Steward: H. Bone; Club Stewards: G. Wall and R. H. Everett;
Clerk of the Course: J. Gardner; Secretary of Meeting: Mrs. D. A. Everett, 55a Forton Road,
Gosport, Hants PO12 4TD.

1. ELIGIBILITY: Open to all Members of Southern Centre A.C.U. riding solo machines.
2. JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations for all trials of the A.C.U., the Trials League and these Supplementary Regulations.
3. ENTRIES: Will open on December 7th, 1973, and will close on 3rd January, 1974. Entries must be sent with a STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE and a fee of 60p to the Secretary of the Meeting. Numbers will be allocated in order of receipt.
4. COURSE: Two laps of approximately twelve miles per lap.
5. START: Will be notified with acceptance card, owing to work on the M27.
6. TIES: Will be decided by :—(a) Maximum number of cleans, and (b) Furthest round clean.
7. AWARDS:
Premier Award — Lawson Cup, to be held for one year.
Club Cup — To Best Club Member.
First and Second Class awards as per S.C. League Rules.
8. GENERAL: All machines must comply with the Road Traffic Act. Engines will not be started until five minutes before riders starting time. Numbers will be issued when signing on, after scrutineering.

GOSPORT & DISTRICT M.C.C.

Sunday, 20th January, 1974

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.-C.U. and the A.-C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

Entry fees
Date
Signed
(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian
If driver is under 18 years of age)
Parent or
Guardian

Name and Address (block letters)
.....
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Club Machine cc.

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Rights of Way Sub-Committee

This Sub-Committee held its annual meeting at Treyford on Remembrance Sunday, as usual. It was an informal affair, with not a great deal of business to discuss.

Roy Brett agreed to remain in office as Secretary, and Ralph Venables agreed to continue as Chairman. However, with the departure of Mick Brown (from Southampton to Bridport) it became necessary to appoint a new Southern Area Delegate. Without any hesitation, Dennis Kingswell stepped into the vacancy.

The Chairman agreed to convey the Sub-Committee's thanks to Mick for his good work in the past, and the Secretary agreed to notify Hants C.C. that Dennis would take over from Mick as the motorcycle representative on the Countryside Committee.

A lengthy discussion took place on the awarding of the Byways Tankard, and the Chairman expressed his concern at the fact that it had taken some five months to make the presentation to Penny Page. Various suggestions were considered for avoiding delay next time.

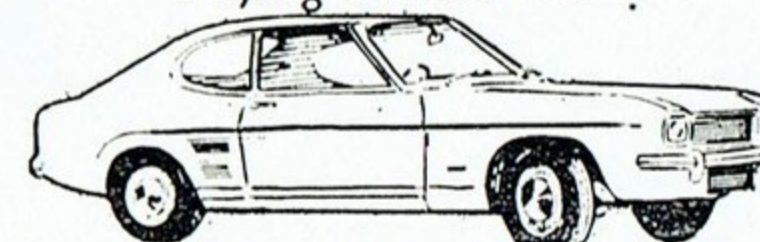
Clubs throughout the Southern Centre are asked to nominate any members who have done good work in connection with vehicular rights on green lanes during 1973, so that the Byways Trophy can be awarded early next year. Closing date for nominations is the last day of December, and details should be sent to Roy Brett.

The Secretary's Report was confined mainly to a "progress report" on the closure of an unclassified road at Kingsclere, and it was hoped that the A.C.U. would help us in our efforts to retain vehicular rights. A public hearing was urged.

Jem May's Report contained a strong plea for much better motorcycle representation on local Sports Councils, and Brian Palmer advocated closer contact with district councillors.

Dennis Kingswell gave details of his own club's contact with the local Sports Council, and Roy Brett agreed to raise the matter at Centre Board level. Dennis confirmed that Mick Brown had handed over his various maps and papers relating to our Sub-Committee.

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SOUTHERN CENTRE TEAM TRIAL

Organised Jointly by Mortimer & Dist. M.C.C. and Tadley Sporting M.C.C.

Start 10.00 a.m. SUNDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1974 Permit No. U1162

OFFICIALS: Centre Stewards—A. Belenger, J. Bowley, F. Page, J. Lightfoot. Club Stewards—B. Ilsley, B. Carter; Clerk of Course—jointly J. Challis, G. Bedford; Secretary of Meeting—D. J. Headlong, "Woodside" Bury's Bank Road, Crookham Common, Newbury, Berks RG15 8DE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS :

- JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations for all trials of the A.C.U. and Centre Trials League and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to all Southern Centre Club Members riding Solo machines.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Clubs may enter one 'A' or one 'A' and one 'B' team, each consisting of four drivers. Nominated drivers must be a League Registered member of the Club concerned and must have ridden at least six trials of this centre of open to centre or higher status during the complete calendar year 1973.
- TEAMS:** Substitutions of team drivers and/or machines are permitted if made in writing before starting time of the trial. Any substitute driver must comply with all the above requirements. Team positions by ballot and all team entries received before the closing date for entries will be accepted. All team drivers must enter individually. No late entries will be accepted.
- Each CLUB are ASKED to supply one observer per Team if possible. Please include observers Names and Address with Team Entry where possible.
- TEAM AWARDS:**
SOUTHERN CENTRE TEAM SHIELD: To the team of drivers making the best aggregate performance of the trial.
THE JACKSON CUP: To the best 'B' team of drivers making the best aggregate performance of the trial.
SOLO CUP and class awards as per S.C. Trials League Rules.
BEST PERFORMANCE: The Jack Englefield Cup.
- ENTRIES:** Will open on 7th DECEMBER 1973 and close on the 19th JANUARY 1974. Numbers issued at the start. Entries will be acknowledged by a list of riders and final instructions.
- COURSE:** Will be one lap of 40 sections. The Start will be at Mortimer West End, Mortimer, Berks, signposted off A340 Tadley, Hants. The first rider to leave at 10.00 a.m., remainder at half-minute intervals.
- TIES:** Will be decided by: 1 Greatest number of cleans. 2. Furthest round clean.
- GENERAL:** Any rider reported as riding in a dangerous manner or making excessive noise or nuisance may be excluded from the results.
- ENTRY FEES:** Individual riders fee .75p; Team fees £1.00. All entries must include TWO S.A.E. (one 8½ x 3½). All fees payable to TADLEY SPORTING M.C.C.
- FACILITIES:** Refreshments at start.

PLEASE SEND IN TEAM ENTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

1973 Scramble Stars

Grass Track Stars

NOVEMBER 1st

SIDECAR
Winner: John Turner—28 points.
Runner-up: John Elliott—21 points.

250 c.c.
G. Law—35 points.
R. Camden—30 points.
B. Carter—12 points.
D. Lemon—11 points.

250 c.c.
Roger Snoad—11 points.
Bryan Wade—8 points.
Vic Allan—8 points.
Mick Jones—6 points.
Stuart Nunn—6 points.

500 c.c.
I. Barclay—28 points.
G. Law—18 points.
B. Leigh—16 points.
L. Coffin—15 points.

500 c.c.
Bryan Wade—24 points.
Rodney Ralph—12 points.
C. Clark—10 points.
Stuart Nunn—9 points.
Les Lloyd—9 points.
Jim May—9 points.
Mick Jones—9 points.

SIDECAR
D. Phillips—35 points.
R. Measor—28 points.
T. Smith—17 points.
T. Emmett—15 points.

There are 3 more Scrambles during 1973 which will count for the 250 and 500 Stars.

K. F. NICHOLAS
Recorder

FREDA BONE
Grass Track Star Recorder

SOUTHERN CENTRE TEAM TRIAL

3rd February, 1974

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(To be countersigned by Parent or Guardian if driver is under 18 years of age)
Parent or Guardian

Name and Address (block letters)

Club Machine c.c.

My status is EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Are you over 17? YES/NO

SOUTHERN CENTRE TEAM TRIAL TEAM ENTRY

I authorise the undersigned as official team(s) of the.....Club.

Signed

Address

Position in Club Entry fee of.....enclosed

TEAM A Name Signed

Name Signed

Name Signed

TEAM B Name Signed

Name Signed

Name Signed

Name Signed

Name Signed

Observers Name..... Address.....

What You Should Know

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN CENTRE

This will be on the 17th January 1974 at the NEW venue of the Southampton and District Clubhouse, Woodside Road, Eastleigh, Hants, starting at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

1974 CENTRE EVENTS

Centre Team Trial, Tadley and Mortimer Clubs, 3rd February 1974.
Centre Scramble Championships, Mortimer & District, 9th June 1974.
Centre Grass Track Championships, NO OFFERS, 11th August 1974. Reserved.

St. Paul Trophy. NO OFFERS. 5th Sunday in either July, August or September 1974 can be reserved.
1974 Scramble Register: Registration cards will be available shortly from your club secretaries.

1974 Grass Track Registration: These cards will also be shortly available from your club secretaries.

GRASS TRACK FORUM

A meeting not to be missed by anyone, including organisers, stewards and riders. Organised by Harry Bone on behalf of the Grass Track Sub-Committee, this is a real chance to air your views and will be held on December 9th at the Southampton & District Clubrooms, Woodside Road, Eastleigh, starting at 3.00 p.m.

NOMINATION SHEETS FOR THE 1974 BOARD OFFICERS

Will all clubs ensure that they return these sheets to me, with their nominations, by the 10th January 1974 so that I may complete the voting sheets for the A.G.M. Would clubs please note that the inclusion of Mr. J. V. Mould as a retiring Vice-President is incorrect, as John resigned from this office earlier in the year, his name should therefore be deleted from the list and his permission sought if you wish to nominate him again.

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Fuel Crisis

A.C.U. Statement

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New Centre:
Mr. D. Johns,
County Road Safety Officer,
Road Safety Dept.,
Sherwood House,
35 Bath Road,
Reading, RG1 6HL.

At the end of my first year as Southern Centre Secretary, may I take this opportunity to thank the many of you who have given me advice and help during the year and wish you all, on behalf of Edith and myself, a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

RODGER E. BROAD

STOP PRESS!

North Hants M.C.C. regret that due to all Motor Sport on W.D. Land being cancelled they will NOT now be able to promote the Len Heath Trophy Scramble, the regulation which is printed on page 11 of this month's Gazette.

To save unnecessary administration, please do not submit entry forms for this event.

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